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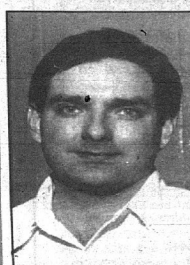
Attorney general office is topic

Assistant Illinois Attorney General Dennis Orsey is the guest this month on "The Hoffman Report" hosted by state Rep. Jay Hoffman, D-Collinsville. Orsey and Hoffman discuss services available through the attorney general's regional office in Granite City, where Orsey is the director. The program will be broadcast today at 5 p.m. on Concom Channel 10 and repeated at 5 p.m. Jan. 29.

New feature

Young people have a unique view of the world around them, and beginning with this Thursday's Press-Record, young people in the Quad City area will have a chance to share their views with Press-Record readers. "Youth Focus" will ask area young people in a specific grade at school a question each week. Topics will range from "What kind of animal would you be?" to "What is the best and worst food in the cafeteria?" Each week, the Press-Record will print the young persons' answers, along with photos of some of those responding.

Tip of the hat



Greg Sweeton of Granite City was recently awarded faculty tenure at Belleville Area College. Sweeton is the coordinator and instructor for the aviation maintenance program at BAC's Granite City Campus. He has been an aviation maintenance instructor since 1989 and has coordinated the BAC's program since November 1990.

Deaths

Sister Miriam Dashner
Anthony DiVito
Jason Forester
Bernis Harris
Geraldine Hoover
Rose Jahaaz
Veronica Kelley
E.T. Madosh
Josephine Mahat
William Morford
Thomas Warfield
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Everybody wave — Amy Reznack gets toddlers and preschoolers to interact during story hour at Rainbows and Lollipops. Reznack is the teacher of three-, four- and five-year-olds at the day care center.

Parents Anonymous

Group seeks to improve parenting skills

Social worker Elaine Landolt knows all too well that parents harm their children, or are afraid they will. "I had a father call one day, saying he had to keep his child home from school because he'd left marks on the child when he hit him," Landolt said. "And a lot of parents call who are afraid they will hurt their children." Often, such parents were abused as children and don't know any other way but violence to deal with problems, she said. But beginning Feb. 13, Landolt, of the Children's Home and Aid Society of Illinois branch in Alton, will provide another way. A Parents Anonymous group will meet in Granite City to help parents find better ways to deal with their problems. Diane Larson of LifeCycle Counseling will be the facilitator for the Granite City group.

"The group is designed to better parenting skills. It is a support group for parents, not for any particular type of parents, but for any parent who wants to improve his or her skills." In times of economic downturns, Landolt said, child abuse may escalate because parents' frustration levels rise. "We see a lot of parents who get upset and yell; we see some who use physical punishment and some who use inappropriate punishment for the behavior," she said. "Some parents neglect their children, don't keep them clean, don't send them to school." "We've had parents who tie their children to the bed to keep them in their room, or nail the windows shut or lock them in their room," she said. "I know there is a need for this group."

(See PARENTS, Page 2A)

Seat belt blitz begins

Motorists who have not yet become regular seat belt users can expect a firm reminder if stopped by the Illinois State Police during a second statewide seat belt enforcement blitz. "The blitz is an intensified public awareness and enforcement effort intended to help Illinois reach a 70 percent seat belt compliance rate by the end of 1992," said Illinois State Police Director Ferenc W. Gainer. The blitz began Sunday and will last for three weeks. "Troopers are being instructed that the normal procedure will be to issue a ticket to those who

choose to violate the law," Gainer said. "Warnings may be given during the first two weeks of the blitz at the trooper's discretion. However, during the third week, we are asking them to lock their warning books in the trunk." Informal State Police surveys conducted in Illinois last year during the state's participation in the first nationwide blitz show that more people are in fact buckling up. "During the first blitz, our enforcement increased by 408 percent and compliance rates

(See BLITZ, Page 2A)

Your JOURNALS Are Changing

More photos

We've increased the number of photos in each Journal—more submitted photos from readers, a full page of sports photos on Sundays, and a new feature, Faces in the Crowd.

Sports

We've got box scores, league standings and lots more faces. Stories are perkier, and we're giving you even more names than ever before. >

Aid delay may not hurt district

Edgar rejects payment plan

By Christopher Knight
Staff writer

SPRINGFIELD — Gov. Jim Edgar's veto Friday of a proposal to restore a delayed payment to school districts is expected to have minimal effects on Granite City.

The Granite City School District uses an accrual accounting system, which will record the payment as if it wasn't delayed. Most Illinois districts use a cash-flow system, which doesn't record the payment until it arrives.

"It doesn't affect the financial condition of the district," said Norman Owea, director of finance for Granite City Community Unit District 9.

The decision to delay a school aid payment was made by the governor and Democratic leaders in the last legislative session to help decrease a pending state budget deficit.

The agreement delayed one of the previous two June aid payments to July, which moved nearly \$176 million in bills to the next fiscal year. Normally, the state made no school aid payments in July.

The governor on Friday vetoed a Senate bill that would have restored the delayed payment in fiscal 1994, requiring the state to make two payments in June of that fiscal year and none in July.

"This legislation is more of the same that helped get us into the monumental fiscal jam I found when I became governor in January 1991," Edgar said in a statement about the veto. "and it would be fiscally irresponsible for me to sign it."

"Basically, it's just a delay," said Mary Ann Louderback, the governor's aide on school issues. (See DELAY, Page 2A)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Dr. King observance — Lonnie Roberson, left, and Anthony Gidron hold a banner of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during Sunday's march in Venice. See page 5A for more photos of the event.

St. Elizabeth costs in line with other hospitals'

Average emergency room visit would cost \$378 here

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Patient costs at St. Elizabeth Medical Center are in line with the costs at other area hospitals, according to figures from the Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Based on average costs, an emergency-room visit that includes a chest X-ray, an electrocardiogram, a blood test and a urinalysis would cost \$378 at SEMC. The same visit at other area hospitals would cost a high of \$396 at St. Mary's in East St. Louis and a low of \$242 at Centerville Township Hospital.

But the emergency-room cost listed for SEMC includes the doctors' charge, which it doesn't for St. Mary's or Centerville. According to Dennis Lutz, SEMC's financial officer, the doctors' charge makes up "at least half" of the listed charge. While the IHCCC figures reflect average costs, Lutz said SEMC actually charges on a scale based on the severity of

condition of the patient. And, because SEMC has one of the busiest emergency rooms in the area, "it stands to figure that we see a lot more of the severe, more expensive patients."

"Thus, our average would tend to be higher than a hospital that sees fewer patients with severe problems."

Lutz said caution must be used when comparing average costs of individual services, such as X-rays, because there are too many variables involved to give an accurate number.

"Here at St. Elizabeth we perform a lot of orthopedic and vascular procedures, which tend to be more expensive, and those charges cause the average to go up."

"Maybe at Centerville and some other hospitals, they don't do as many of those procedures," he said.

Lutz said that the more procedures you add together, the closer together the charges among hospitals become. (See COSTS, Page 2A)

Service costs in area hospitals

	St. Elizabeth (GC)	Alton Memorial	Centerville	St. Mary's	St. Elizabeth (BV)	Memorial
Emergency room	\$143	\$105	\$86	\$147	\$49	\$71
Chest X-ray	\$104	\$75	\$60	\$134	\$68	\$69
Electrocardiogram	\$85	\$60	\$57	\$66	\$80	\$75
Blood count	\$27	\$60	\$25	\$27	\$40	\$34
Urinalysis	\$19	\$25	\$14	\$22	\$17	\$21
TOTAL	\$378	\$325	\$242	\$396	\$254	\$270
Operating Room	\$493	\$390	\$246	\$575	\$616	\$278
TOTAL	\$871	\$715	\$488	\$971	\$870	\$548
Intensive Care Unit	\$699	\$675	\$425	\$441	\$769	\$615
TOTAL	\$1,570	\$1,390	\$913	\$1,412	\$1,639	\$1,163
Semi-private room	\$299	\$250	\$195	\$225	\$310	\$270
GRAND TOTAL	\$1,869	\$1,640	\$1,108	\$1,637	\$1,949	\$1,433

This chart is based on the average cost for each procedure or service at each hospital listed, based on figures collected by the Illinois Health Care Cost Containment Council. With the exception of the emergency room costs for St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City and Alton Memorial Hospital, the costs do not include professional fees.

Lazerson sees four lean years ahead

Students and professors at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville are facing four lean years of lower budgets and higher tuition.

In front of a packed house, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville President Earl Lazerson raised warning flags for the university's next four years in his annual State of the University address Thursday.

"I'm under an obligation to give you an honest appraisal of the situation. And I'm under an obligation to give you some direction we're going to take," Lazerson said. "I didn't say I'm under an obligation to avoid painful decisions."

Students are likely to see a 4 percent tuition hike this fall and then 3.5 percent increases annually.

A full-time undergraduate student now pays \$1,534 a year tuition and a full-time graduate pays \$1,638.

But the declining number of college-age students will probably mean a decrease in enrollment, from 11,415 this fall to 10,662 by fall 1996. And, the decrease will eventually add up to a \$1 million loss per year, Lazerson said.

During the next four years, the university must find \$11 million to cover falling enrollment, increased expenses and expected bud-

get cuts. That amount does not include the 3 percent cut approved by state legislators in Springfield about the same time Lazerson made his address.

This year's budget was about \$102 million.

"Nothing is sacred. Everything will be looked at," Lazerson said.

In his 75-minute speech to about 400 people, Lazerson said the state's financial troubles will not go away any time soon.

The details of Lazerson's plan will be hammered out by faculty and administrators over the next six months, he added.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Lottery yields two-year term for Vadalabene

New election terms have left a smile on the face of one area senator, but Sen. Sam Vadalabene came up on the short end of the lottery.

Vadalabene, D-Edwardsville, if elected in November in the 56th Senate District, will serve a two-year term and then be eligible to seek four-year terms in 1994 and 1996.

"I would have rather had four, four, two," Vadalabene said, "because now I've got to turn right around and campaign again in two years."

State law requires voters to elect senators three times each decade, and all senators will run in this year's election.

Every 10 years, the secretary of state oversees the drawing to determine how the two four-year terms and one two-year term will be staggered.

While Vadalabene got two, four, four, the 55th Senate District represented by Frank Watson, R-Greenview, received four years, two years and four years.

Vadalabene, the Democratic Caucus chairman, was one of three Senate leaders participating in Thursday's drawings in the state capital; the others were Senate President Philip Rock and Minority Leader James "Pate" Philip. The leaders drew numbers from a crystal bowl.

While Vadalabene said he was disappointed, other area incumbent senators seemed satisfied.

"It's not a major thing with me," Watson said, "other than the fact that Republicans do better during presidential elections."

Watson's term will come up during the 1992 and 1996 presidential elections. More Republicans turn out during presidential elections, he said.

Secretary of State George Ryan said the lottery "is a fair, non-partisan means of resolving an issue that holds major political implications for anyone considering a Senate campaign."



Vadalabene

County sees rise in pet adoptions

Adoptions of dogs and cats in Madison County purred along last year despite tough economic times.

The trend is one that people with soft spots for chows, cocker spaniels, labbies and calicos hope will continue.

At the Madison County Humane Society near Edwardsville, 637 dogs and 372 cats found homes last year compared with 560 dogs and 343 cats in 1990, President Lady Vankavage said.

"More people are becoming aware of the problem," she said. Animal welfare officials said they hope 1992 will be an even better year.

But Humane Society officials admit they are somewhat discouraged by a fundraising drive that has fallen far short of the money needed to construct a new animal control facility.

The society is looking to break ground for an adoption center in Pin Oak Township next to replace the county's animal control facility late this year. Architects are being interviewed to design the facility on Illinois 143.

About \$118,000 for the project has been raised. Cathy Santanello, building construction coordinator, said. The facility is expected to cost between \$225,000 and \$300,000.

"We're a little bit discouraged," she said of the total. "We thought we'd have more."

The society has received three grants for the building, including \$5,000 from Ralston Purina Co.; \$20,000 from the Marguerite Doe Foundation, a California-based supporter of humane societies; and \$5,000 from the Ahimsa Foundation, a Massachusetts-based organization that promotes animal welfare.

— From the Alton Telegraph



Help in counting — Amy Mills, a teacher at Noah's Ark Day Care, uses hand puppets to help youngsters count to 100 for their 100th day of preschool at Noah's Ark.

Police raising funds

Granite City police officers are conducting a fund-raising event Feb. 12 to raise money for the Health and Welfare Fund.

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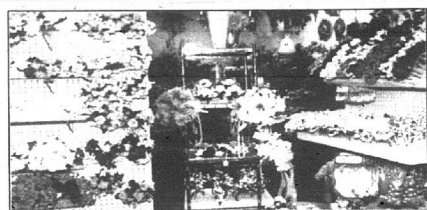
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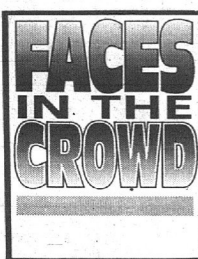
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Dr. King remembered — Nearly 300 people gathered Sunday at the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church on Klein Street in Venice to remember slain civil rights leader the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Above, from left: Over 100 people march several blocks in Venice; six-year-old Willie Gidron of Venice holds onto his sign while he marches; Vanetta Adams sings in the New Salem Church choir during ceremonies at the church. Bottom right: Madison County NAACP representative Harold Wilson addresses the audience during the 10th annual program honoring Dr. King at the New Salem Church.



(Staff photos by
PAM DOEPKE-HURD)

Car rental reform law is upheld

A Cook County judge has upheld reforms in state law aimed at curbing abuses in the car rental industry, Secretary of State George H. Ryan said. The changes, enacted in 1989, were challenged by Alamo Rent A Car Inc., a Florida-based rental company. Alamo claimed the new law violated both the Illinois and the U. S. constitutions.

"This is a victory for the people of Illinois and for anyone who comes to Illinois and rents a car," Ryan said. "I commend Judge Sophia Hall for recognizing that these changes were made to protect consumers from being misled."

At issue was a measure that capped a renter's liability at \$200 for damages to a car rented for less than 30 days.

Hall ruled the liability cap permissible because it was consistent with the Illinois General Assembly's intent to prevent rental car agencies from charging excessive fees for damages.

In addition, she found that the advertising requirement was constitutional because the state has an obligation to protect consumers from misleading information.



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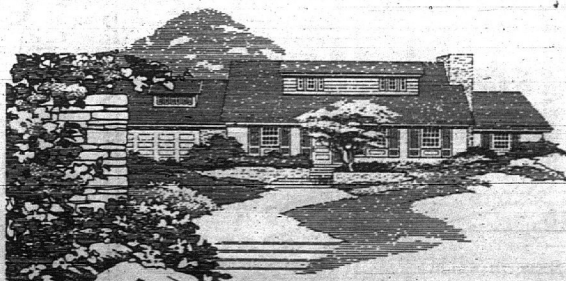
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Portell endorses Melucci

Retiring Madison County Circuit Clerk Willard "Butch" Portell has formally endorsed Matt Melucci of Collinsville as his replacement.

Portell, 74, of Collinsville, formerly of Granite City, will retire after 32 years in the office when his term ends later this year.

In a written statement, Portell said Melucci is "by far the best candidate for these coming years."

Melucci, 47, is embroiled in the March 17 primary race for the Democratic nomination with Fred Perry of Glen Carbon, Don Brjick of Granite City and Max Shaffer of Glen Carbon. The county's Democratic Central Committee has endorsed Melucci.

Portell said several months ago that he might seek re-election if the committee did not endorse Melucci.

Portell said Melucci is the best-prepared of the candidates to oversee modernization of the court clerk's office. His experience and qualifications give him a "decided edge" over the other candidates, Portell said.

A circuit court clerk should be someone who will get along well



Willard Portell

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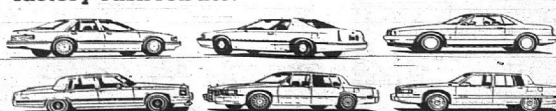
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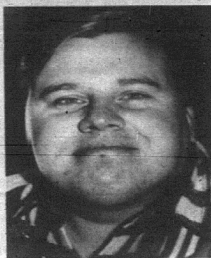
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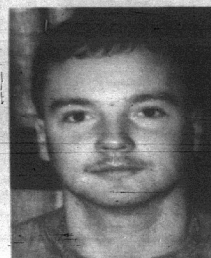
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AFL-CIO urges elimination of business tax exemptions

The Illinois AFL-CIO proposed last week the elimination of six business tax exemptions and credits in order to reduce the cuts necessary to balance the state's budget.

In testimony to the Joint Committee on the Budget, the organization's president, Richard J. Walsh, pleaded with the committee to make changes that will impact the state's citizens fairly.

He specifically asked for the elimination of the sales tax exemption for manufacturing machinery and equipment (\$97 million), farm

machinery (\$22 million), graphic arts machinery (\$12 million), oil field machinery (\$11 million), coal mine machinery (\$14 million) and photo processing machinery (\$1 million). The investment tax credit is estimated to cost the state another \$50 million.

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Obituaries



William Morford

William "Bill" Morford, 78, of Mont Vernon, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:15 p.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 1992, at his residence. Mr. Morford was born Nov. 10, 1913, in Bismarck, N.D. He was a shipping clerk at the Feder and Hoyer Furniture Co. in Granite City until his retirement and was a World War II Army veteran. Survivors include one stepson, Lloyd Coad of Granite City; step-grandchildren; and a friend, Wanda Perkins of Mount Vernon. He was preceded in death by his wife, Lila (McKinney) Coad, who died in 1983; and his parents, Marion and Amanda Jane Morford. Graveside services were held Monday at Smith-Veterans Cemetery south of Mount Vernon with the Rev. Chris Hayward officiating. Hughes Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Geraldine Hoover

Geraldine (Rich) Hoover, 69, of Granite City, formerly of Madison, died at 5:54 a.m. Friday, Jan. 17, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center after becoming suddenly ill on Wednesday. Born Oct. 6, 1922, in Butler County, Mo., she resided in Granite City for 47 years. She was a deputy circuit clerk for 20 years at the Madison County Courthouse in Edwardsville. A member of Calvary Baptist Church, the Madison County Legal Secretaries Association, National Secretaries Association and AARP, she was a past president of the Marshall Parent-Teacher Association. Survivors include her husband, Roger Hoover, whom she married in 1941, in St. Charles, Mo.; one son, Quentin Hoover of House Springs, Mo.; one daughter, Jeanne Montgomery of University City, Mo.; three sisters, Golda Miner of Viburnum, Mo.; Vernell Miller of Springdale, Ark.; and Edith Buchanan of Madison; and three grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Melvin and Hettie (Wood) Rich; three sisters, Daisy Cassidy, Charity Teeter and Gertrude Lowery; and one brother, Everett Rich. There will be no visitation. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, at Calvary Baptist Church, 30th Street and Washington Avenue, Granite

City, with the Rev. Fred Boatright officiating. Burial will be at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville. Irwin Chapel, Granite City, is in charge of arrangements. Memorials are suggested for the American Heart Association.

Charles Withers

Charles D. "Charlie" Withers, 77, of Grand Junction, Colo., formerly of Granite City, died at 4 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21, 1992, at his home. He had been ill for four years.

Mr. Withers was born March 2, 1914, in Dixon, Mo., and resided most of his life in Granite City. He had lived in Grand Junction the last eight years. Owner of Withers Mobile Home Sales Inc. for 30 years, he retired in 1984. He was a member of Masonic Lodge 835 in Granite City, the Granite City Moose Lodge and the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a founder and board member of Colonial Bank, now a Magna Bank, in Granite City.

Survivors include his wife, Grace Withers of Grand Junction, whom he married Oct. 3, 1937; three sons, Gary Patrick Withers of Grand Junction, Charles Edward "Ed" Withers of Glenwood Springs, Colo., and Dennis Withers of Minneapolis; and 10 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, John Logan Withers and Mary Catherine (Hamilton) Withers.

Arrangements are pending at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, 931-8000.

Thomas Warfield

Thomas T. Warfield, 65, of Collinsville died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 1992, at Anderson Hospital in Maryville. Mr. Warfield was born Jan. 28, 1926, in Steward County, Tenn. A retired Granite City Steel pipefitter, he was a member of Maryville Baptist Church in Maryville and Chemical Workers Local 50.

Survivors include his wife, Marion Lois (Borndorfer) Warfield, whom he married in June 1980; one daughter, LaVerne Jinkerson of O'Fallon; one son, Ralph Warfield of Collinsville; two sisters, Lulu Mae Clark of Granite City and Alene Daniels of Kansas; five stepdaughters, Virginia Gan and Shirley Gan, both of California; Madeline Gerstler of Florida; Mary Lynn Pooni of Springfield, Ill.; and Marcia Stewart of Hillsboro, Ill.; 18 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Cale and Mattie (Brake) Warfield.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Herbert A. Kassidy Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Fred Winters officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville. Memorials are suggested for Children and Family Services of Fairview Heights.

Rose Juhasz

Rose (Papp) Juhasz, 76, of Granite City, formerly of New Douglas, died at 7:35 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 1992, at her home. She had been ill for two years.

Born Oct. 28, 1915, in Granite City, she had resided here since 1937. She was a registered nurse in the Obstetrics Department (labor and delivery) at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City for 45 years, retiring in 1965.

Survivors include her husband, John Juhasz, whom she married Nov. 9, 1940; two sons, John Juhasz Jr. of Granite City and Daniel Juhasz of Colorado Springs, Colo.; one daughter, Margaret Phillips of Fairview Heights; one son, John Papp of New Douglas; three sisters, Marie Harmon of New Douglas, Anna Bucky of Granite City and Margaret Ahring of St. Louis; and five grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Rosalie (Toth) Papp, and one brother, Michael Papp. Visitation was held from 4:30 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, 2801 Madison Ave., with a 6:30 p.m. prayer service. A funeral Mass will be conducted at 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2006 Washington Ave., with the Rev. Bill Fishers officiating. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville. Masses to the church are suggested as memorials.

E.T. Madosh, 83, of West Terre Haute, Ind., formerly of Granite City, died at 4:10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 20, 1992, at Union Hospital in Terre Haute. Mr. Madosh was born Feb. 1, 1908, in Danville, Ill., and lived in

Granite City for most of his life. He retired in 1974 after 40 years with Shell Oil Company. A member of Bethany United Church of Christ, Sycamore Club of Terre Haute and Elks Lodge 639 of Cape Girardeau, Mo., he was a World War II veteran of the Military Railway Service. Survivors include several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Daniel) Madosh, who died in 1979.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Callahan Funeral Home in Terre Haute, with the Rev. Robert Bellin officiating. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park.

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A member of Bethany United Church of Christ, Sycamore Club of Terre Haute and Elks Lodge 639 of Cape Girardeau, Mo., he was a World War II veteran of the Military Railway Service.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Daniel) Madosh, who died in 1979.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Callahan Funeral Home in Terre Haute, with the Rev. Robert Bellin officiating. Burial will be at Roselawn Memorial Park.



Veronica Kelley

Veronica A. Kelley, 74, of Pontoon Beach died at 8:22 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 1992, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She had been ill for two years.

Mrs. Kelley was born Jan. 14, 1918, in St. Louis. She was a resident of Pontoon Beach for 12 years and had resided in Granite City for 60 years.

She was a police dispatcher for 12 years at the Pontoon Beach Police Department, retiring in 1988, and was the first person to retire from the department.

Mrs. Kelley and her late husband, George, formerly owned and operated Kelley's Bicycle Shop in Granite City.

She was a member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, the Zoning Board of Pontoon Beach and Pontoon Beach Senior Citizens and was a charter member of the Pontoon Beach Lions Club.

Survivors include four daughters, Janet Williams of Arnold, Mo.; Judy Wasson and Donna McIntosh, both of Pontoon Beach, and Joan Suzanne Lee of Sioux City, Iowa; one son, Brian Kelley of Granite City; 16 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, George Kelley, who died in October 1971, and her par-

ents, Frank and Clara (Edwards) Fossard.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in Granite City with the Rev. Francis Tebangura officiating. Burial was at Calvary Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach was in charge of arrangements. Masses are preferred as memorials.

Jason Forester

Jason M. Forester, 19, of Caseyville died Saturday, Jan. 18, 1992, at his residence.

Mr. Forester was born Dec. 27, 1972, in Illinois.

Survivors include his father, Jess C. Forester of Caseyville; grandparents, James and Ruby Morgan of Granite City; three sisters, Lavenia Capps of Germany, Lisa Felger of Indianapolis and Regina Nance of Caseyville; four brothers, Carl John Forester of Chicago, Charles L. Forester and Jeffrey C. Forester, both of Caseyville, and Timothy J. Forester of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Carlene J. (Morgan) Forester, and a sister, Mary Ann Forester.

Visitation was held Tuesday at Herr Funeral Home, Collinsville, where services will be held at 1 p.m. today (Wednesday) with the Rev. Dale Clemens officiating. Burial will be at St. John Cemetery in Collinsville.

Bertis Harris

Bertis W. Harris, 78, of Panter Hill, Fla., died Friday, Jan. 17, 1992, at Memorial Hospital in Bunnell, Fla.

Mr. Harris was born Aug. 16, 1913, in Neelyville, Mo. He was a retired crane operator for Granite City Steel.

Survivors include his wife, Alma (Outland) Harris; two sons, the Rev. Barry Harris of Highland and Larry Harris of Freeburg; two brothers, Harold Harris of Panter Hill and Delbert Harris of Fairview Heights; one sister, Loretta Boyer of Elsinore, Mo.; five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Autliam L. and Fannie (Crowe) Harris; one son, Bertis W. Harris Jr.; three brothers, Thomas, Otis and Eric Harris; and two sisters, Nedgie Curry and

Sybil Lough.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at Holten Funeral Home in Belleville with the Rev. Gary Dollar officiating. Burial was at St. Clair Memorial Gardens in Fairview Heights.

Josephine Mahat

Josephine (Bernasek) Mahat, 93, of Maryville died at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 18, 1992, at the Elmwood Health Care Center in Maryville.

Mrs. Mahat was born Sept. 3, 1898, in Yugoslavia. She was a member of the C.S.A. Lodge of Eastlin of Fairview Heights and a past member of the Collinsville Senior Citizens.

Survivors include one son, Henry James Mahat of Collinsville; one daughter, Angela Vavra of Madison; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Mahat, whom she married in Europe and who died May 10, 1977; a son, Frank Mahat; and her parents, Joseph and Carolina (Urba) Bernasek.

Funeral services were held Monday at Herbert A. Kassidy Funeral Home in Collinsville with the Rev. Robert Morris officiating. Burial was at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Belleville.

Memorials are suggested for the American Cancer Society.

Sister M. Dasher

Sister Miriam Dasher, O.S.U., 86, of Alton, formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Jan. 17, 1992, at the Ursuline Convent Infirmary in San Antonio, Texas.

Sister Dasher was born July 21, 1905, in Granite City. She taught at St. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Collinsville from 1938 to 1942 and from 1961 to 1967.

Survivors include cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Charles and Margaret (May) Dasher; three brothers, Charles, Frank and Cyril Dasher; and one sister, Margaret Dasher.

There was no visitation. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Thursday at Ursuline Convent, 845 Danforth St., Alton, with the Rev. George Radosevich officiating.

Staten Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements.

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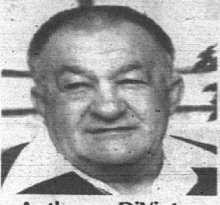
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Anthony DiVietro

Anthony P. "Sharkey" DiVietro, 78, of Granite City died at 11:13 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 16, 1992.

at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He had been ill since November and a patient since Dec. 16.

Born May 10, 1912, in Fugia, Italy, he had resided in Granite City since 1952. He was formerly of Elkhart, Ind.

A self-employed truck driver, he owned Sharkey's Truck Service in Madison from 1952 to 1970 and the G & S Grill in Madison for many years. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church.

Survivors include three sons, Leroy Welborn and Donald Welborn, both of Granite City, and David Welborn of Madison; four daughters, Sue Kurtz of New Paris, Ind., Jeanette DiVietro and Sanita DiVietro, both of Granite City, and Toni Kay DiVietro of LaPort, Ind.; two sisters, Flor-

ence Bailey of Sun City, Calif., and Sanita Anderson of Columbus, Ohio; one brother, Pat DiVietro of Elkhart; 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carrie "Peggy" (Szerzinski) DiVietro, who died Sept. 27, 1988; his parents, John and Carmen (Lombardo) DiVietro; and one son, Larry Lehman, who died in 1979.

Visitation was held from 3 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, where services will be conducted at 9:30 a.m. today (Wednesday) with the Rev. Bill Fisher officiating. Burial will be at Lake View Memorial Gardens in Belleville.

Memorials are suggested for the Ronald McDonald House.



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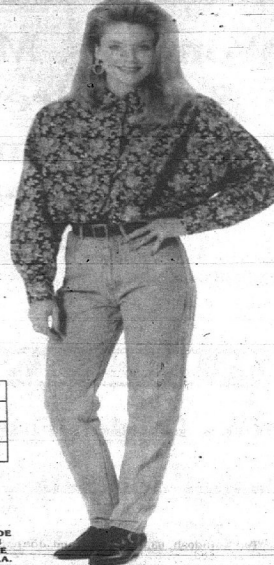
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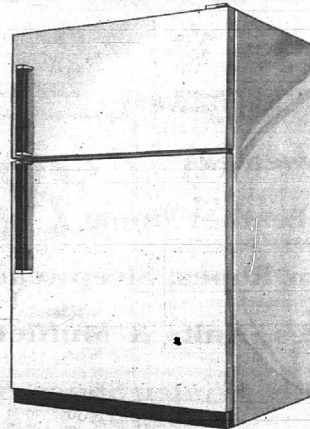
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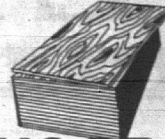
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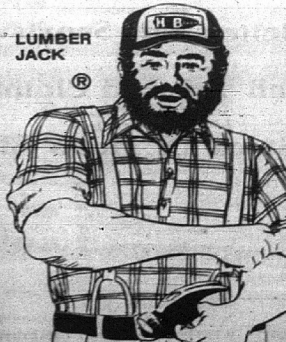
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Sports

Champs again

Skaters shellack East 8-1 to wrap up North Division

By Dave Whaley
Staff writer

As much as the Chicago Bears have dominated the NFC Central Division the past decade, Mike Ditka's team has nothing on the Warrior hockey team.

Granite City wrapped up yet another Mid-States Club Hockey Association North Division title Monday with an 8-1 win over Hazelwood East at Wilson Park. The championship is the Warriors' fifth outright title in the last nine years. They also shared first place once and finished second three times.

Warrior dominance of the division doesn't seem to be waning — in fact, it seems to be getting stronger. Granite City is a perfect 11-0-0 in divisional play this year. They have outscored their opponents 60-4 in those games and haven't allowed more than one goal in any divisional game. In fact, no North Division team has scored more than one goal total against the Warriors this year — and they've all played Granite City twice.

The lone exception is Hazelwood Central, against whom the Warriors will finish up divisional play next Monday. Granite City blanked the Hawks 4-0 on Jan. 14.

That game was a chippy affair, as is often the case against Central. The Warriors picked up 15 penalties in that game, which meant head coach Jake Hinterser wasn't allowed behind the bench Monday. Todd Hinterser ran things on the bench as the Warriors cruised past the Spartans (5-2-1, 6-8-1).



Mike Naeve
... 4-point night

Jake Hinterser watched from the stands.
"We clinched it unless they protest and we somehow lose on (See HOCKEY, Page 48)



(Staff photo by Pam Doeppke-Hurd)
Drake Marshall goes up for a shot over Alton's Mark Miley (31) and Chris Harris (13).

Warriors get another SWC win over Alton

By Gary King
Correspondent

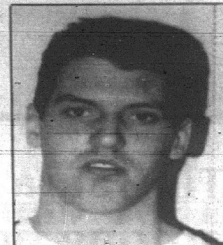
Stan McAfoos said his Alton Redbirds have met the enemy — and it is them.

The Redbirds suffered a number of self-inflicted wounds Saturday and the Warriors took advantage for their third straight win, 60-51, in Southwest Conference action.

What baffles McAfoos the most is that where one problem ends, another begins.

"We beat ourselves again tonight," said McAfoos, whose team dipped to 8-8 overall and 1-4 in the SWC. "We are our own worst enemy. We had a series of four or five bad possessions tonight, and it cost us the game. It's a pattern we have followed all year."

Granite City (10-5, 3-2) was led by Brian Smith, who scored 24 points and collected 15 rebounds as he continued his recent surge. Drake Marshall added 18 points. Jeff Smith, however, got in foul trouble early and finished with



Brian Smith
... 24 pts., 15 rebs.

four points. He fouled out early in the fourth quarter. Warrior coach Bill Ohlendorf wasn't overly impressed with his team's performance, either. (See WARRIORS, Page 48)

Journals Coaches Poll

Wrestling

Week of Jan. 22

1. GRANITE CITY (1).....	85
2. Lafayette (2).....	74
3. Oakville (3).....	73
4. McCluer North (5).....	59
5. Cahokia (4).....	40
6. Hazelwood East (6).....	40
7. Belleville East (7).....	26
8. Wentzville (8).....	22
9. St. Charles West (10).....	17
10. Francis Howell North (9).....	15

Also receiving votes, in order: Parkway West, Fox, Civic Memorial, Edwardsville, Francis Howell.

Coaches in poll: Chip Allison, Parkway South; Tim Clepper, Varnsey; Mike Garland, Granite City; Jim Paulsen, Hazelwood East; Shep Pittman, Kirkwood; Charlie Sheretz, McCluer North; Rocky Streh, Oakville; John Wehmer, Belleville West.

Number in parentheses indicates last week's ranking. Point totals based on 10 points for first-place vote, etc.

Journals Coaches Poll

Boys Basketball

Large Schools

Week of Jan. 22

1. McCluer (1).....	12-0
2. Desmet (3).....	12-1
3. (tie) Vashon (4).....	14-2
4. (tie) Riverview Gardens (5).....	10-1
5. St. Lincoln (2).....	7-5
6. Collinsville (6).....	7-6
7. Parkway Central (7).....	11-3
8. Vianney (8).....	12-2
9. O'Fallon (NR).....	9-3
10. Belleville West (NR).....	9-4

Also receiving votes, in order: Hazelwood Central, Chaminade, GRANITE CITY, Fox, Belleville, Desoto, Roosevelt, St. Charles West, St. Louis U. High, Parkway West.

Coaches in poll: Bill Ohlendorf, Granite City; Ed Lierak, Hazelwood Central; Mark Hahn, Parkway West; Allen Davis, Desoto; Dale Burman, Desmet; Rick Kirby, Parkway Central; Greg Fingerhut, Belleville; Don Maurer, SLUH; Skip Scherer, Wentzville; Bob Bone, Collinsville.

Number in parentheses indicates last week's ranking.

Journals Coaches Poll

Boys Basketball

Small Schools

Week of Jan. 22

1. Jennings (1).....	13-2
2. John Burroughs (3).....	11-1
3. Waterloo Gilbert (2).....	9-3
4. Oakville (7).....	13-0
5. VENICE (4).....	8-5
6. Festus (5).....	8-3
7. Clayton (6).....	10-4
8. MADISON (5).....	8-5
9. Union (NR).....	13-1
10. Wellston (10).....	7-4

Also receiving votes, in order: Borgie, NIKOTIC, Hancock, Troy, Jennings, Maplewood, Sullivan, Breerwood, Summer, Lutheran North, Freeburg.

Coaches in poll: Clinton Harris, Venice; Randy Carter, Jennings; Kirk Mueller, Lutheran North; Jeff Koca, Cypress City; Sam Davis, Breerwood; Steve Wilcutt, John Burroughs; Rick Koettker, St. Johns; Ron Parker, Affton; Dennis Ruetter, Waterloo Gilbert; Mike Hayden, St. Dominic.

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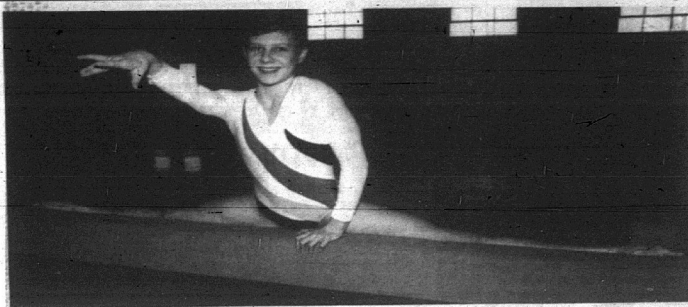
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Sara Curran displays her flexibility on the balance beam.

Tiny Sara Curran stands tall among her gymnastics peers

By Mike Kelly
Staff writer

For a small person, Sara Curran is a giant among her peers. An eighth-grader at St. Sebastian School in Florissant, Mo., and a Granite City native, Curran has developed into an outstanding gymnast in only three short years.

Sara made a quick rise through the ranks at the Olympic and North Gymnastic Training Center in Florissant. Currently at level 8 the 12-14 age division, she will participate in the St. Louis Coca-Cola Classic at the University of Missouri-St. Louis on Jan. 24-26.

"An individual like Sara only comes around once in a great while," said her coach, Connie Pagoria. "She's a determined kid. Sara knows what she wants, and she aims her sights on getting it."

Curran, who only stands 4-11, is coming off a superb year at level 6. She averaged five awards in every one of her meets while winning the state championship in the beam exercise and finishing first overall at the Midwest Regional.

But her talents will be challenged this season.

"Level 8 leans a lot on creativity," Curran said. "But I like that much more. It's a little easier to fool the judges, especially if you lose your balance or mess up 4 move in your technique. You can ad lib and create something else."

"It also gives me a chance to express my personality. I want to be creative. Everything's laid out for you at level 6. Now I can use my imagination."

And Curran shouldn't have too many problems.

"The beam is her strong

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point," Pagoria said. "But she also does an excellent job in the other events (the floor exercise, vault and uneven parallel bars). She's an all-around gymnast. If she sticks with it, I could see Sara earning a college scholarship at a Division I school."

Balance and size are great advantages, especially on the beam, which is five feet off the ground.

"I wouldn't say she's a natural at the sport," Pagoria said. "But she works very hard at it. Being small gives her the flexibility to stay on the beam longer. Her concentration level is very strong."

People used to joke about her size.

"I've been called 'shorty' and 'squirrel,'" Curran said. "But they don't call me that anymore. I started watching gymnastics on TV and I noticed all those people were small. I felt the sport would be a lot of fun for me, and it made me feel comfortable."

Curran admits the sport came to her naturally, but it's gotten a little tougher as she has progressed.

"Each stage has been different," she said. "It takes more time and technique to perfect the moves."

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"But I've never been discouraged. Connie's been an excellent coach. It's so easy to get nervous, especially when you see someone fall during a routine. But she's always saying 'it won't happen to you.'"

But Curran doesn't mind the butterflies. "They give me a lot of energy that I can burn during a routine," she said. "You have to be animated. I've never been nervous during an exercise."

Curran also says the sport gives her a feeling of satisfaction. "I really like gymnastics," she said. "My family is totally behind me. My dad (Mike) always comes to the meets."

But the sport has forced her to make some sacrifices. "I used to go to Holy Family School in Granite City," Curran said. "But I transferred to St. Sebastian because it's only 10 minutes away from the training center where I practice. It was a hard decision because a lot of my friends are at Holy Family."

"But I had to make a sacrifice. Doing well in gymnastics can open the door to a college education."

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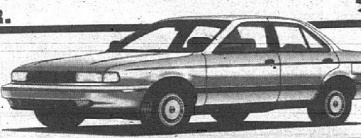
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Mike Jaro	12	20
Mike Naeve	15	12
Chris Goculan	12	14
Harlan Weaver	8	13
Craig Wagner	9	7
David Ezell	4	10
Kevin Sittion	7	6
Rich Wherry	3	9
Mark Sorenson	5	6
Jason Cates	3	4
Greg Obuchina	1	2
Danny Thomas	0	4
David Napier	1	3

Goalies	
Brent Gould (10-11, 24 goals allowed)	1.93 (GAA)
Mike Hatfield (11-10, 11 goals allowed)	2.50 (GAA)
Jim Morrow (1-0-0, 0 goals allowed, 0 GAA)	

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Totals	19	2	10	6
Alton	13	8	11	19
Granite City	13	15	14	18

Rebounds — Granite City 26 (B. Smith 15, Marshall 4, Dochwat 4, J. Smith 2); Alton 18 (Harris 10, Hill 3, J. Elson 2, Holloway 1, Thomas 1, Miles 1). **Assists** — Granite City 10 (Dochwat 4, Cozlar 3, Marshall 2, B. Smith 2); Alton 3 (Thomas 3, Smith 1, J. Smith 1). **Blocks** — Granite City 8 (Dochwat 4, Cozlar 2, Marshall 1, J. Smith 1); Alton 5 (Thomas 4, Holloway 1). **Steals** — Granite City 2 (J. Smith 1, Cozlar 1); Alton 1 (Harris 1).

Team seeking players

A newly-formed Granite City girls 14 and under fast-pitch softball team is looking for a few additional experienced players. The team is working out indoors now in preparation for an indoor tournament, and will begin playing games in the spring. For more information call Harold at 931-4667 or Joe at 931-5177.

"Every team in the league is trying to get Mike to lose his cool and pick up major penalties."

Naeve hangs out near the net and creates havoc for opposing goalies and defensemen. He was stopped by Spartan goalie Jeff Marshall after taking a pass from Zirkelbach, but St. Peters scored his team-leading 16th goal on the rebound with Naeve lurking at the doorstep just 1:41 into the game. Naeve then stole the puck from two defenders for a shorthanded goal 40 seconds

into the second period.

Jeff Bakker got one back for East on a power play goal at 5:02 of the middle stanza, but Nathan Weaver responded just 1:10 later with a goal to tie the game. Naeve made it 4-1 with his 15th goal at 11:13. St. Peters shot was blocked high in the air by Marshall. Naeve came back to edge the tie game, waited for the puck to come back down and banded it in.

Mike Jaro (12th goal), Kevin Sittler (10th), Craig Wagner (ninth) and Zirkebach (14th) added goals in the final period. Brent Golden stopped 13 of 14 shots as the Warriors outshot the Stars.

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




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DeSmet's McKeon named national prep soccer player of year

By Tim Woods
Staff writer

If it's Wednesday, it must be home.

No doubt, Matt McKeon is having a bit of trouble finding his bearings these days. McKeon just returned from a trip to Great Britain to his Florissant home. But in awhile, he will pack his bags again and travel to such places as Portland, Ore., the state of North Carolina and British Columbia, Canada.

"Getting away is good every once in a while," McKeon said, matter-of-factly.

The national player of the year

in high school soccer should know.

It's been a truly busy month for McKeon, a senior at DeSmet Jesuit High School who played with the U.S. under-20 national squad in its five-game trip to England in late December and early January.

"We learned a lot from playing the Europeans," said McKeon, whose team lost all five contests. "I think we'll be OK. It's just a lack of experience in playing together right now. Plus, they're in the middle of their season. We were up against people who were going for jobs."

On Tuesday, in picking up the

national prep award, as presented by Gatorade and Scholastic Coach magazine, McKeon even had a day named for him.

Jack Keane, an assistant to St. Louis Mayor Vincent C. Schoemehl Jr., read such a proclamation.

"I don't know about 'Matt McKeon Day.' But it was fun," McKeon said, laughing softly. "I really appreciated it."

"I was really worried about my speech," said McKeon, who is not known for blowing his own

proverbial horn. "I wrote down a few things, though. I was able to make it through OK."

Doing things just OK is rare for McKeon.

In 1991, McKeon captained the U.S. national under-17 team that reached the quarterfinals of the 1991 world tournament in Italy. And he capped his senior high school season by helping the Spartans earn a share of the Class 4A state championship.

"It's been a great (senior) year. But none of it would've

been possible without great teammates," McKeon said. It's the quality of his national-squad teammates that made McKeon so surprised to receive the Gatorade/Scholastic Coach award.

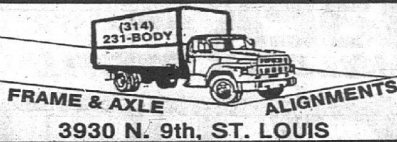
"I was kind of excited at first," McKeon said. "But I didn't know if I deserved it. There's so many good guys on our under-20 team."

But, Spartans coach Greg

Vitello said, "Matt and the other finalists are very similar in their athletic ability. But Matt won for his academics on top of that."

McKeon's grade point average at DeSmet is better than 3.0. "Matt came to DeSmet as something of an underachiever in the classroom," Vitello said. "But he's stepped forward and shown he can handle any kind of classroom situation."

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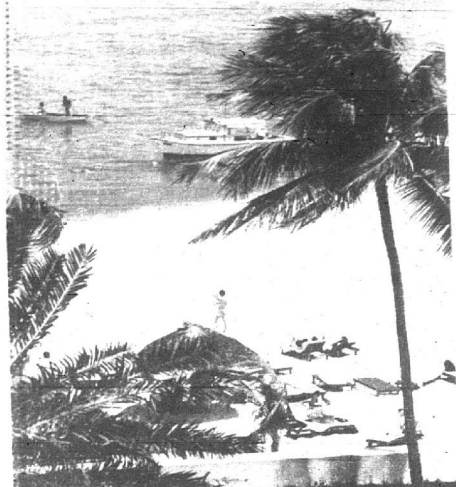
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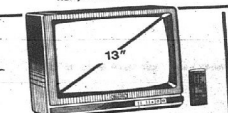
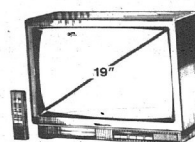
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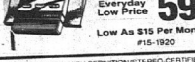
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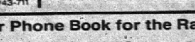
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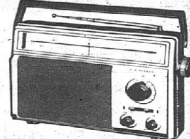
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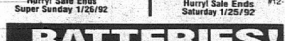
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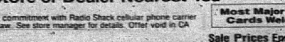
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'Merlin' arrives at hospital

Critical-care monitoring equipment provides new look

If you are on sixth floor looking for the Critical Care Unit (CCU) at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City, you at first may think you are lost.

The department has a new look — from monitoring equipment to the floor and walls.

"We have a new nurse station, seven new mini stations, new lighting system, new tile and new paint," said Kathy Gauen, the department supervisor.

"These changes were made during a time when we knew our census would be low, so we would not disrupt patients."

"During the Hewlett Packard system installation, we were able to maintain our normal census. We only closed part of the CCU during floor tiling."

A team of CCU nurses, a biomedical engineer, Materials Management, and a clinician researched equipment for two years before finding the Hardware system for Critical Care or "Merlin."

"We looked at not only what it would give us, but how friendly

the monitors were.

"We looked at systems at St. Luke's Hospital in Chesterfield, Mo., at Barnes and St. Louis University in St. Louis, and at Evansville, Ind., for the right system for us," Gauen said.

"Merlin" has separate components to allow nurses direct access to patient information.

Because it has separate components, they can be placed where they are needed most. For example, both the main display module and independent remote displays can be positioned to provide optimal viewing.

They may be controlled with a remote keypad. As needs expand, more components may be easily added.

Installation was expected to take about two days. They began at 8:30 a.m. and ended at 6 p.m. the first day; the next morning personnel from HP Installation and Biomed Department fine-tuned the system.

But CCU nurses were ready

for the system before it was installed. They had extensive training the previous week.

Clinical nurse specialists and HP company representatives from Ohio and Kansas City taught a resource group of nurses in an eight-hour class.

They had hands-on clinical trials, and used mock-up demonstrations so it would be just like working on real patients.

"The new system gives us capabilities to monitor four times the amount of information than the one before," Gauen said.

"We can monitor pulse oximetry and non-invasive blood pressure on a continual basis. It integrates all information about the patient into one monitor."

"We can monitor the patient even when we aren't in the room. It monitors 24 hours a day and can deliver a report at the touch of a finger."

Each printout is personalized to the individual patient. It includes the patient's number,

name and physician right at bedside. It also has the capability of printing the information in either table or graph form, whichever the nurse prefers.

CCU will not be the only department gaining from this system.

Respiratory Therapy may use a keyboard at the patient's bedside to perform oxygen and ventilation calculations for physicians to determine appropriate care. This improves team approach.

It is color coded for ease of use and can monitor individual aspects if needed.

Nurses can adjust it to only monitor cardiac rhythms or they can add up to 15 monitoring devices.

A PC system may later be added to this system to tie all monitoring capabilities to the Lab," Gauen said.

"This will allow us to send information to them and get results back right at the patient's bedside."

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Area soldiers receive awards in service around the world

James Hale

Marine Lance Cpl. James A. Hale, whose wife, Michelle, is the daughter of Alan Eichacker of Granite City, recently received a Certificate of Commendation. Hale was cited for superior performance of duty while assigned with Marine Aviation Logistics Squadron-2, First Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. He consistently performed his demanding duties in an exemplary and highly professional manner. He was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Air Control Squadron-2, Marine Air Group-24, Marine Corps Air Station, Kaneohe Bay. The 1988 graduate of Francis Howell High School, Weldon Spring, Mo., joined the Marine Corps in November 1988.

Prince G. Giles

Navy Chief Petty Officer Prince G. Giles, son of Helen C. Giles of Madison, stationed aboard the aircraft carrier USS America, homeported in Norfolk, Va., recently completed the NATO maritime exercise North Star '91. Operating units from the U.S. Second Fleet, as well as Canada, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and the United Kingdom, Giles sailed to the North Atlantic and Norwegian Sea

as part of the 10-day multi-national exercise.

It tested the interoperability and command and control procedures of NATO's maritime force. More than 50 ships, 300 aircraft and 17,000 personnel coordinated their activities under the direction of the commander, Striking Fleet Atlantic, Vice Adm. Michael P. Kalleres.

Giles recently departed for a six-month deployment aboard the aircraft carrier USS America, homeported in Norfolk, Va. The USS America will lead an eight-ship battle group while conducting routine operations in the Mediterranean Sea. The 1978 graduate of Madison High School joined the Navy in November 1978.

Joseph Hinnen

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Joseph H. Hinnen, son of Kay F. and Joseph H. Hinnen III of Granite City, recently participated in two multi-national naval exercises aboard the aircraft carrier USS Forrestal, homeported in Mayport, Fla.

Hinnen joined with sailors from Italy, Spain, the United Kingdom, Greece and France for Operations Hammerlock and Display Determination which displayed the nations' military readiness. After completing the exercises,

Military

Hinnen participated in a scheduled port visit to Souda Bay on the Greek Island of Crete. He is a 1988 graduate of Granite City High School.

Charles Smith

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Charles A. Smith, son of Charles E. and Donna E. Smith of Madison, recently graduated from Basic Hull Maintenance Technician School.

During the course at the Naval Damage Control Training Center, Naval Base, Philadelphia, students received instruction in the basics of welding, pipefitting and metalsmithing.

Studies also included fabrication procedures, installation and repair of all types of shipboard structures, and plumbing and piping systems.

The 1982 Madison High School graduate joined the Navy in May 1991.

David Mouldon

Airman David E. Mouldon has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Charles E. and

Carol E. Mouldon of Granite City. His wife, Kimbrell, is the daughter of Kerry and Kathy Green of Granite City. The airman is a 1987 graduate of Granite City High School.

Barton receives Joint Service Medal

Sgt. 1st Class Terry L. Barton Sr. recently received the Joint Service Achievement Medal for outstanding achievement as a member of the United States Transportation Command Crisis Action Team from Oct. 17, 1990, through April 23, 1991.

Barton, a 1972 graduate of Granite City High School, is the son of Golden C. Barton of Mitchell and the late Doris J. Barton.

The medal was awarded by the secretary of Defense and the citation was signed by Lt. Gen. Dane Starling, deputy commander in chief.

The citation accompanying the medal reads in part:

"Sgt. 1st Class Terry L. Barton Sr., U.S. Army, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious achievement as a member of the Transportation Command Crisis Action Team, Scott Air Force Base.

"Throughout the Desert Shield/Storm Crisis, Sgt. Barton coordinated critical time-sensitive strategic airlift and sealift to move combat forces to Southwest Asia in support of national military objectives.

"Sgt. Barton's determination, dedication and professional skills shaped the identification of force



Terry Barton accepts his medal from his commanding officer.

movement requirements critical to scheduling a myriad of units, ships, aircraft, ports and commercial support facilities involved in the world's largest and fastest combat force deployment.

"The technical skills exhibited by him resulted in the flawless marry-up of manpower, moved by airlift, and combat equipment, moved by sealift, and had a direct, positive impact on the

successful defense of Saudi Arabia.

"The distinctive accomplishments reflect credit upon himself, the Army, the Transportation Command and the Department of Defense.

Barton is currently assigned to the Transportation Command at Scott Air Force Base, Belleville. The serviceman will complete 20 years of active service in the Army in October 1992.

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Combine 1 cup water and pepper sauce. Add chicken pieces. Marinate in refrigerator 1 hour.
Combine flour, chili seasoning, egg and 1 cup water. Whisk until smooth. Heat oil in deep fryer to 375°. Drain chicken and dry thoroughly. Dip chicken in batter. Fry in hot oil until golden brown and cooked. Drain on paper towels.
Serve with favorite mustard as dipping sauce.
Makes 12 to 15 servings.

Spicy chicken nuggets

1 can (10 oz.) refrigerated pizza crust
1 lb. ground beef
¾ cup water
1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, drained
1 pkg. (1 oz.) chili seasoning
1 can (16 oz.) refried beans
2 cups (8 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup crushed tortilla chips
3 cups shredded iceberg lettuce
1 large tomato, chopped
1 green onion, thinly sliced
¼ cup sliced black olives
Taco sauce

Mexican pizza

Place pizza dough on lightly greased 12-inch pizza pan and pat to fit. Bake at 425° for 7 minutes.
Brown ground beef in skillet. Drain. Add water, chilies and chili seasoning. Simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes or until mixture is thickened.
Spread beans evenly over pizza crust. Spoon meat mixture over beans. Bake at 425° for 8 to 10 minutes. Sprinkle top with 1 cup cheese. Bake additional 2 minutes or until cheese melts.
Top with tortilla chips, lettuce, tomato, onion, olives and remaining cheese. Cut in wedges. Serve with taco sauce.

1½ lb. ground beef
½ lb. pork sausage
1 onion, chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 pkg. (1 oz.) chili seasoning
1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, drained
1 can (8 oz.) tomato paste
1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
½ cup water
Shredded cheddar cheese, if desired
Chopped onion, if desired

All-meat chili

Cook ground beef, sausage and onion in 4-quart saucepan until meat is brown and onion is tender. Drain and return to pan. Add garlic, chili seasoning, chilies, tomato sauce and paste, and water. Stir to blend well. Simmer 15 to 20 minutes.
Serve in bowls and garnish with cheese and chopped onion, use as topping for hot dogs to make chili dogs, or serve on tortilla chips topped with cheese and dairy sour cream to make hearty nachos.
Makes 8 servings.

8 baking potatoes, baked
1½ lb. ground beef
1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
¾ cup water
1 pkg. (1 oz.) chili seasoning
1½ cups (5 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
1 cup dairy sour cream
Sliced green onion

Chili-stuffed potato skins

Slice potatoes lengthwise in half. Scoop out potato, leaving ¼-inch shell. Use reserved potatoes for other use.
Brown ground beef. Drain. Add tomato paste, water and chili seasoning. Simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally.
Spoon 2 to 3 tablespoons chili into each potato skin. Top with 1 tablespoon cheese. Reserve remaining cheese for garnish.
Bake in 375° oven 10 minutes. Top each stuffed potato skin with 1 tablespoon sour cream. Garnish with green onion and reserved cheese.
Makes 16 servings.

PIG OUT

Quarterback cuisine complements big game

By Janice Denham
Staff writer

Football games, even big ones like the annual Super Bowl, are good examples of yin and yang, the ancient theory of complements.
For every strong offense, there is a weakened defense. For every victory dance, there is a subdued stumble. For many excitable armchair quarterbacks, there are complementary people who keep the homefront fed and humming while games are televised.

To assist this fervor, there must be an arena both can enjoy. That pit of planned pandemonium is called the Super Bowl Party, where folks cheer loudly for their favorite team and feast on poor boy sandwiches and chili. Drinks are served well chilled to offset the passion of the game and the food's spicy heat.

Foods for nibbling should be scattered throughout the setting. For a pizza-flavored mix, start by combining ¼ cup parmesan cheese, 1 tablespoon dry spaghetti sauce mix and 2 tablespoons garlic powder. In a large bowl or resealable storage bag, combine 8 cups double-grained cereal (such as Crispix) and 4 cups pretzel nuggets. Pour 3 tablespoons oil over the cereal mixture. Toss until well coated. Gently toss with parmesan mixture until well coated. This makes 12 cups of munchable mix.
To avoid spills, serve the main course at half time. This avoids the strong yang force of potato chips and onion dip from confronting a yin-type, light-colored carpet when someone's favorite wide receiver drops the ball in the end zone with the game tied. Serve food that can be managed with hands-only as much as possible. To help achieve equilibrium in the universe, stick to disposable dishes, but make them paper instead of plastic. Let those who cheer for the losing team wash the real glasses to avoid excessive throw-aways.

Seasonings for this party's food should be as zesty as the spirit and invitingly savory. The cook has permission to make easy use of seasoning mixes, refrigerated biscuits, shredded cheese, canned beans and chilies. These recipes feature packaged chili seasoning for instantly balanced spiciness. For one menu, feature chili along with baked potatoes, cooled macaroni or spaghetti, extra red beans and chopped onion and cheese for self-service. To receive other free recipes like these, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Chili, Williams Foods Inc., P.O. Box 14067, Lenexa, Kan. 66215.

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By Barb Gray
Certified home economist

Professional football crowns its champion this weekend. Offer fun, hoopla and munchable food in front of the television set while everyone roots for his favorite team in the Super Bowl. No matter if you are a serious watcher or a casual observer, the fun and excitement stimulates hunger pangs.

A microwave oven makes quick snack preparation, for both the make-ahead snacks, as well as food that is prepared during time-outs and half-time breaks. Become a food champion by putting all those commercials to good use.

Here is a wide assortment of snacks that are made easily in a microwave oven. Watch out because they will appeal to all armchair quarterbacks and give them energy to cheer harder. Even the cook can sit back and watch the game with the right assortment of snacks.

Oysters Rockefeller

This is an easy but tasty treat for oyster lovers.

- 2 cans (8 oz. each) oysters, drained
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen creamed spinach, thawed
- 2 tbsp. dry sherry
- 1 tbsp. finely chopped onion
- 1/2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 tsp. nutmeg
- 1/2 tsp. pepper sauce
- 1/2 cup fresh bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup (1/2 stick) margarine, melted
- 1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded Swiss cheese
- 8 shell-shaped dishes or individual ramekins

In each shell, place 5 oysters. With toothpick, pierce each oyster several times. In bowl, combine creamed spinach, sherry, onion, Worcestershire sauce, nutmeg and pepper sauce. Spoon over oysters.

In pie plate, heat margarine at medium (50 percent) power 30 seconds or until melted. Toss bread crumbs with margarine. Sprinkle over spinach mixture.

Over the Waves

Top each with 1 tablespoon cheese. Arrange 4 shells on a plate. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high power 3 to 4 minutes. Let stand, covered, 3 minutes. Repeat procedure with remaining shells. Makes 8 servings.

Hot cheddar-bean dip
This is easy and quick to mix and heat during any part of the game.

- 1/2 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise
- 1 can (16 oz.) pinto beans, drained, mashed
- 1 cup (4 oz.) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 can (4 oz.) chopped green chilies, undrained
- 1/4 tsp. pepper sauce

In 1-quart casserole, combine mayonnaise, beans, cheese, chilies and pepper sauce. Microwave on high power, covered with waxed paper, 5 to 6 minutes until hot and bubbly.

Serve with corn or tortilla chips.

Makes about 2 1/2 cups.

Field goal meatballs

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 2 envelopes single-serving instant onion soup
- 1 egg
- 1/2 cup plain dry bread crumbs
- 1/4 cup ketchup
- 2 tbsp. finely chopped parsley

In medium bowl, combine ground beef, instant soup, egg, bread crumbs, ketchup and parsley. Shape into 1-inch meatballs. Divide into 3 batches.

Microwave one batch on microwave-safe bacon rack, covered with waxed paper, on high power 4 minutes or until done. Repeat with remaining batches. Serve warm with assorted mustards.

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January's resolutions begin long-term statement for year

Good Food
Good Health

Some of the most popular January resolutions involve diet. You resolve to eat less, you resolve to eat better, you resolve not to eat at all until you can fit into those new slacks that were a Christmas present. The best diet resolutions, however, are those based on guidelines developed by people who have studied diet and nutrition from every angle.

Unlike most short-term, fast-fix New Year's resolutions, the dietary guidelines of major health agencies take a long-term, overall view of diet and health. The Dietary Guidelines to Lower Cancer Risk of the American Institute for Cancer Research, for example, are based on research and recommendations of the National Academy of Sciences, the U.S. Surgeon General, and the U.S. Departments of Agriculture and Health and Human Services.

Reduce the intake of total dietary fat from the current average of about 37 percent to a level of no more than 30 percent of total calories, and in particular, reduce the intake of saturated fat.

Recipes

Granny Smith's pork

- 1 lb. boneless pork leg, cut in 1/2 inch cubes
- 2 tbsp. oil
- 4 granny smith apples, cored, sliced in 1/2 inch wedges
- 1 cup dry white wine or chicken broth
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cider vinegar
- 3 tbsp. cornstarch
- 2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper

Heat oil over medium heat in large skillet. Brown pork on all sides. Add sliced apple. Sauté 3 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add 1/2 cup wine. Reduce heat. Simmer, covered, 10 minutes. Mix remaining 1/2 cup wine with vinegar, brown sugar, cornstarch, Worcestershire sauce, salt and pepper. Add to skillet. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens. Serve over hot rice or noodles, if desired.

Makes 5 servings; 346 calories, 19 g protein, 11 g fat, 344 mg sodium and 62 mg cholesterol.

Pizza-flavored tacos

- 1 lb. ground chicken or turkey
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 small green bell pepper, chopped
- 4 oz. fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. basil
- 1/2 tsp. oregano
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup water
- 12 taco shells, heated

Toppings: chopped tomato, chopped onion, shredded lettuce, sliced black olives, shredded mozzarella cheese, grated parmesan cheese.

In nonstick frying pan over medium-high heat, cook and stir ground meat about 5 minutes until brown. Add onion, green pepper, mushrooms and garlic. Cook 5 minutes more until tender.

Sprinkle with flour, salt, basil, oregano and pepper. Stir in tomato sauce and water. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low. Simmer, uncovered, about 15 minutes.

To serve, spoon sauce into warm taco shells. Sprinkle with mozzarella and parmesan cheeses. Add tomato, lettuce, onion and olives.

Makes 6 servings of 2 tacos each; 392 calories, 25.6 g protein, 14.6 g fat, 37.4 g carbohydrate, 790 mg sodium and 69 mg cholesterol per serving.

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Drink alcoholic beverages only in moderation, if at all.

The nutritional good sense found in these simple guidelines can help achieve other diet goals as well. Reducing consumption of high-fat foods, for example, is an excellent way to lose weight.

But sound nutrition requires moderation and balance, that is, eating moderate portions and eating a variety of different foods. That is a far cry from the trendy starvation diets or reliance on a single "miracle food" like grapefruit or liquid diet meals.

Keep in mind, too, that simple but long-term changes in a diet can increase chances of avoiding cancer, heart disease and other serious diseases.

The recipe for Chinese Shrimp shows there is no need for deprivation in order to eat well. Stir-frying cooks the food quickly, making the shrimp tender and delicious. The vegetables and their proportions can be altered to suit personal preferences.

Chinese shrimp

- 1/2 cup cornstarch
- 2 tsp. cold water
- 2 tsp. oil
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 2 tsp. grated ginger root
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup dried black mushrooms, soaked in water 30 minutes, or fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 1 cup peas, fresh or frozen, defrosted if necessary
- 1 lb. cooked or raw shrimp, peeled, deveined

1/2 cup chicken broth or chicken bouillon
2 tsp. soy sauce
In small bowl, mix cornstarch with 2 tablespoons water.

Heat oil in wok or heavy frying pan. Stir-fry onion, ginger and garlic 1 to 2 minutes. Add mushrooms and peas. Stir-fry additional 1 to 2 minutes.
Add chicken broth and soy sauce

to cornstarch mixture. Add, with shrimp, to wok or frying pan. Heat until sauce begins to boil and has thickened. If raw shrimp are used, cook 1 to 2 minutes before serving. Serve immediately over rice.

Makes 4 servings, 240 calories and 8 g fat each.
Registered dietitian Karen Collins reviews this material for the American Institute for Cancer Research in Washington, D.C.

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Bernard Long, the principal of Blair School in Madison, has announced the names of the students on the honor roll for the first quarter.

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Honor Roll:

Fawn Garrett, Lakeisha Mosby, Chevala Davenport, Sean Ramsey, Venson Perry, Dustin Patton, Kitisha Bradley, Quinton Edwards, Kimberly Terrell, Anthony Johnson, Clearra Pickett, Fanisha Powell, Shamie Sullivan, DeAndre Turner, Oireal Wagoner, Jason White, Michael Williams, William Cummings, Chaunci Dukes, Marcus Hankins, Maurice Hughes, Netkaisha Dandridge, Ternee Mosby, Bernard Long, Chauncey Sillas, Kimberly Wells, Eulisia Williams, Rico Newsome, Shayla Pollard, Donta Belford, Jonathan Fowler, Paris Adams, LaTasha Brown, Jannisha Jones, DonNesha Williams, Cameron Brown, Johnnie Coleman, Roderick Hodge, Lavon Jordan, Patrick Seldin, George Wallace, Codi Watts, Jessica Brown, Calie Clemons, Yakira Maynard, Kimberly McFarlane, Sherkeyna Townsend, Charles Fields, Jr., Delores Gregory, Ali Hodges, Sheena Jones, Paige London, Gregory Murray, Patrice Winston, Courtney Dukes, James Gardner, III, Deyon Watts, John Williams, LaShayla Bradley, Traci Brown, LaSilvia Franklin, Angelicka Giles, Richelle Sal-

mond. The recognition of academic achievement is designed to encourage academic achievement among the students at Blair School by recognizing those students who excel at their ability level.

A "Straight A" Honor Roll will be established for those students who maintain a straight A average in the academic areas during a grading period.

An Honor Roll will be established for those students who maintain a B average in the academic areas during a grading period.

A B.U.G. (Bringing Up Grades) will be established for those students who are not able to make the Honor Roll. This will encourage them to work towards the Honor Roll one step at a time. To qualify for the B.U.G. Roll the student must bring up at least one grade in an academic area without lowering any other grade in an academic area.

The academic areas which will

be considered when averaging the students grades are Reading, Mathematics, Spelling and English. Everyone will use the same scale to determine eligibility. The names of the students eligible will be turned into the office no later than one week after the close of the grading period.

The names of the students will be displayed in a prominent place in the building. The students will be awarded an appropriate bookmark type certificate.

The names of the students who are listed on the Honor Rolls will be sent to the local newspaper.

Those students who maintain an A average throughout the school year will receive High Honors and a ribbon on Awards Day. Those students who maintain a B average throughout the school year will receive Honorable Mention and a ribbon on Awards Day. Any student who receives straight A's throughout the school year will receive the Principal's Award.



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Esther Circle holds meeting

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Opening prayer was led by Mary Rowland. Shirley Lane read the lesson titled "Influencing a Nation." Louise Potillo gave the Least Coin Lesson titled "Justice, Peace, Creation, Let Us Act."

Members in attendance were Grace Paddock, Eula Davis, Karen Ambush, Florence Stewart, Leona Bell, Sharon Perjak, Judy Leurance and those mentioned.

Guests were Peggy Keltner, Terry Davis and Sandra and Karen Lee.

66 attend NARFE meeting here

The regular meeting of National Association of Retired Federal Employees Chapter, 1067 was held at Charlie's Restaurant on Dec. 9. There were 66 in attendance. President Alex Duccini called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. "Thar's Erney gave the invocation and the members repeated the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Katherine Snockley and the treasurer's report was given by Helen Martin.

There were two new members, Bernice Turner and Charles Bailey, and also two guests, Marie Sturkel and Daryl Reed.

Members and guests enjoyed a Christmas dinner followed by a Christmas party and gift exchange.

The next monthly meeting will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 13, at Charlie's.

Celebrates birthday

Sarah Jessica McWhorter, daughter of Mary and Hank McWhorter, celebrated her seventh birthday with a party at McDonald's given by her parents.

The birthday girl and her guests enjoyed a tour, games, Happy Meals, cake and ice cream. Each guest received a bag of treats upon leaving.

Attending the party along with Sarah and her parents were Kristen Polette, Mary Lassiter, Kristen Schermer, Richie Asadorian, Christopher Asadorian, Michelle Greco, Beth Stack, Chrissy Stack, Jake Stack, Lindsay Siebert, Abel Silva, Mrs. Shari Polette, Mrs. Lillian Stack, Mr. and Mrs. Jim and Mrs. Jim Lindsay, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Siebert with Lauren, Emily McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. Don McWhorter, Mrs. Donna Stack, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Greco, and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Weber.

Diane Oliver receives degree

Diane Lynn Oliver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oliver, received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemistry from the University of Missouri, St. Louis, on Jan. 5.

Oliver was also the recipient of a U.M.-St. Louis/Monsanto Research Fellowship. She is currently enrolled in the Masters Program and is employed by Monsanto.

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Happy Christmas at Holy Family — Mrs. Judy Bucatch's eighth grade students were dressed in costume for the Holy Family all-school Christmas musical, "Memories for Tomorrow." Santa,



Father Casey Kicmal, visits the students during the musical. Pictured with Santa are Mrs. Diane Seiz's kindergarten students Amanda Welch, Nich Hancock, Brian Bulva, Nicky Bruckman and Kyle Lee.

Awards for rural volunteers planned

Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra has launched a state award program that recognizes outstanding volunteer contributions to children in rural Illinois.

"It is time we recognized those unsung heroes in the rural communities who consistently go that extra mile for our kids," said Kustra, who chairs the Governor's Rural Affairs Council.

"Our children are Illinois' greatest asset. The men and women who give of their time and talent to improve the quality of life for young people across rural Illinois deserve our greatest thanks."

"Candidates can be anyone in the community," said Kustra. Those interested in nominating an individual for this award can obtain additional information and nomination forms from the Governor's Rural Affairs Council, Extra Mile Recognition Award Program, 612 Stratton Building, Springfield, IL 62776.

Senior menus

Donations for noon meals are \$1.75. Call day ahead for reservations. 877-4373.

Wednesday, Jan. 22
Ham and beans, cole slaw, corn bread, fruit cocktail.

Thursday, Jan. 23
Meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, seasoned green beans, wheat bread, apple sauce.

Friday, Jan. 24
Beef stew with vegetables, cole

slaw, sliced beets, biscuits, peaches.

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Briefly

Happy Elders hold party

The Happy Elders of First Assembly of God Church enjoyed a Christmas party on Dec. 19 at Brenda's Restaurant on Old Alton Road.

The group was dressed in traditional Christmas colors.

Several games were played under the direction of Frieda Andrews. Christmas carols were sung, directed by Evelyn Bringer. Earl Spalding recited the "Night Before Christmas." The entire group participated in a gift exchange and departed with "Season Greetings."

Alpha Eta Chapter meets

Alpha Eta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met at the First Christian Church in Edwardsville Dec. 14 for a breakfast.

Members brought personal hygiene items and children's books and toys for the Oasis Women's Center in Alton and the Phoenix Crisis Center in Granite City. Used eyeglasses were collected for the Lions' "Eyes for the Needy" project.

The business meeting was conducted by President Linda McDonnell.

The program, "Celebrating the 60s and 70s," was given by Delta Kappa Gamma initiates from the 60s and 70s, who recalled memorable events in Alpha Eta's history through poetry, song, and narration.

Local members in attendance were Elizabeth Briggs, Agnes Pryntzko, Leigh Heller, Elsie Maylath, Linda McDonnell, Dorothy Mitchell, Pat Moore and Loydene Wilson.

Past regents attend party

Granite City Chapter of the Women of the Moose held its Past Regent Christmas Party at Ravanelli's Restaurant.

Past Regents present were: Millie Votoupal, Edna Miller, Jennie Bilyeu, Jerry Speece, Jean Teller, Sara Guswelle, Gladys Markovic, Pat Macke, Marlow Wilkenson, Clara Johnson, Dorothy Coy and Marian Lipscomb.

After dinner, a Christmas gift exchange was held. Games were played and everyone received a small gift.

Divorces

The following marriages have been dissolved by the Madison County Circuit Court:

James Thomas Ware, 37, of Edwardsville and Deborah K. (Herbig) Ware, 38, of Granite City; they were married Jan. 20, 1972.

Bradley C. Bain, 35, of St. Louis and Jan P. Bain, 35, of Granite City; married Aug. 31, 1974.

William E. Greeley, 68, of Maryville and Ruth (Dick) Greeley, 62, of Granite City; married June 29, 1983.

Frank V. Guerra, 44, and Kathleen (Freiberg) Guerra, 40,

both of Granite City; married Nov. 19, 1983.

Rick C. Wickham, 38, of Granite City and Lori E. Wickham, 23, of Fairview Heights; married Sept. 2, 1989.

Meredith M. Fassold, 29, and Janet (Spangler) Fassold, 26, both of Granite City; married Dec. 19, 1983.

Thien V. Lai, 26, of Oklahoma City, Okla., and Christine (Wingrove) Lai, 23, of Granite City; married Oct. 12, 1989.

Silvertus Illies, 63, of Caseyville and Deborah (Moll) Illies, 34, of Granite City; married Sept. 28, 1981.

Births

William Tyler
William and Jennifer Fithen of Granite City are parents of a boy, their first child, born Nov. 21, 1991, at Barnes Hospital.

The boy has been named William Tyler, he weighed 8 pounds.

Maternal grandparents are Melvin and Shirley Tretter of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are William and Audrey Fithen of Granite City.

Lindsey Hillmer
Chris and Lisa Hillmer of Granite City are parents of a baby girl, named Lindsey Marie. She weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was born Nov. 11, 1991, at Jewish Hospital. The couple has one other child, Lauren, 2½.

Parties are held here

Dennis and Lynn Morelan of Old Alton Road hosted a birthday party for their daughter Alisha Ann's 5th birthday on Dec. 7. The party was held at 1 p.m. at the Morelan home. The hostess chose a pink, yellow and blue color scheme that carried the colors in the elaborate cake baked for the occasion by Lynn's godmother, Mary Puleo of St. Louis, who is a professional cake decorator.

Alisha Ann and her guests were treated to an hour and a half Magic Show, presented by Gizmo and Company Tag Team (clowns) from Glen Carbon.

Present were Ashley Bush, Lauren Stuart, Brandie Cuevas, Amber Lofink, Jessica Scarborough, Brian Morelan, Greg Morelan, and Kenneth Pillicie.

Also present were the honoree's parents, her grandparents and her new baby sister Kayla Marie Morelan, who was born Oct. 24, 1991.

"The kids flipped over the clowns," Mrs. Morelan said.

Dave and Daisy Ferguson of Meadowlane Drive hosted a pre-Christmas party at their home Dec. 23 for their children and grandchildren.

The family enjoyed a traditional Christmas dinner with all the extras and a gift exchange, amid the Christmas trappings.

Present was the couple's son Frank and his wife Nancy and children Rachel, Becky, and Ethan. Also son Doug and his wife Wendy and sons, Jaron and Jeremy.

Maternal grandparents are Donald and Evelyn Thompson of Granite City. Paternal grandparents are Sharon Hillmer of Granite City.

Timothy Glasgow
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Glasgow of Grand Rapids, Mich., are announcing the birth of their first child, Timothy Craig Jr. Timothy was born on Nov. 26, 1991, at Blodgett Memorial Hospital. Timothy weighed five pounds and eight ounces and was 19 3/4 inches long.

Maternal grandparents are James and Carrol Brown of Manton, Mich. Paternal grandparents are Robert and Harriet Glasgow of Rockford, Mich.

Great-grandparents are Ethel Esterich of Toledo, Ohio, and Byron B. Glasgow of Mitchell.

Great-great-grandmother is Edith Teets of Toledo, Ohio.

The Glasgows were former Granite City residents.

Marissa Nelson
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Nelson of Granite City are proud parents

of a girl born at 1:03 p.m. on Dec. 2, 1991, at St. Mary's Health Center.

The infant is named Marissa Mary Nelson; she weighed six pounds and 14 ounces.

The mother is the former Kathleen Uram. Maternal grandparents are Jacob and Mary Ann Uram of Temperance, Mich.

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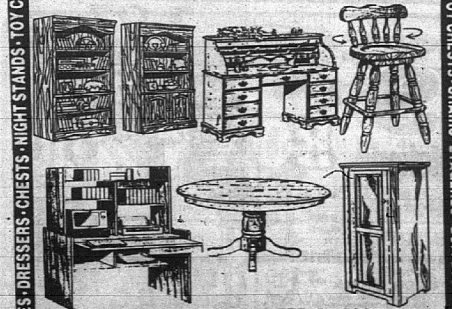
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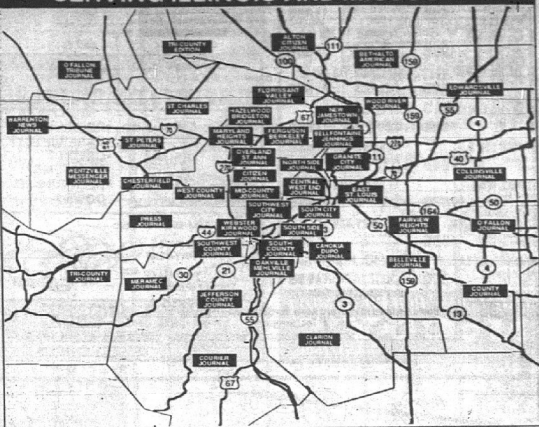
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Struggle is common theme in Hector Babenco's films

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

The career of Argentine-born director, writer and producer Hector Babenco, whose newest film is "At Play in the Fields of the Lord," has been one of struggle, the kind of struggle that continues to be the theme of most of his films.

One of Babenco's early films, "Pixote," released in 1981, was about the plight of Brazil's 3 million abandoned children. The movie was extremely unpopular among authorities in Brazil, but the documentary-like project catapulted Babenco to international acclaim. It particularly got him noticed in Hollywood.

Babenco's said his difficulties in raising money for his movies in America have convinced him that Hollywood's economic censorship and studio bureaucracy offer less artistic freedom than Brazil's extreme political censorship.

Babenco, 45, believes his struggles have not been in vain. His reputation as a crusader for truth and excellence has enhanced his peer value among the Hollywood acting community.

That was the case with "At Play in the Fields of the Lord," a motion picture in which high ide-



Hector Babenco, director of "At Play in the Fields of the Lord," on location during filming in Brazil.

als clash with brutal realities in the jungles of South America.

The cast includes John Lithgow, Tom Berenger, Daryl Hannah, Aidan Quinn, Tom Waits and Kathy Bates, last year's Oscar winner for Best Actress.

"I wanted to do this film so much, that it was only after five weeks of shooting that I got around to signing my contract as director," Babenco said. "Up to that point, I had never even discussed money or time."

"At Play in the Fields of the Lord" is a character-driven drama set in the fictional South American country of Niaruna. It deals with the struggle to save the great Brazilian rain forest.

The natives, the Niaruna Indians, live in perfect harmony with the environment.

"They are the real keepers of the forest," he said. "Then we white people come in and try to tell them how great our ideas and civilization are, and how great our God is. The transparent universe is broken. A very delicate and important balance is destroyed."

During one of his visits to the Yanomami Indians, from whom Babenco drew his inspiration for the fictitious Niaruna tribe, he

was moved by the sight of an old woman lying naked on a floor with a pile of wood tied to her back. Although she was struggling to carry her burden, none of the other tribe members would help her, he said.

"Later, I was telling what I saw to an anthropologist who had worked 15 years with these Indians," Babenco said. "She said that helping the old woman would have been very bad, because it would have shown the rest of the tribe that the woman was not capable of managing herself."

"This picture is about what's happening to the Indians and people like them throughout the world," Babenco said. "It seems that we are out to beat them all in the name of progress. Also, I wanted this film to tell a good story and throw out a message about believing in your emotions and, most important, trusting your instincts."

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Chenier continues zydeco tradition

By Alan Sculley
Correspondent

C.J. Chenier says he doesn't think there's any music he'd rather play than zydeco.

That statement seems natural enough, considering that Chenier is the son of Clifton Chenier, the accordion player who revolutionized zydeco music during the four decades preceding his death from diabetes in 1987.

But zydeco wasn't in C.J. Chenier's plans when he first started pursuing music as a teenager in Port Arthur, Tex., during the 1970s. At that point, rhythm and blues was his music of choice.

"That's what we listened to—James Brown, the Commodores, Earth Wind and Fire, all those guys," Chenier said. "It was just that kind of music was big—definitely not zydeco."

In fact, Chenier said he rarely heard zydeco when he was young.

"At that time zydeco wasn't as popular as it is now," he said. "You just didn't hear it."

Because Clifton Chenier often was away on tours, C.J. Chenier wasn't really exposed much to zydeco within the home, he said. But one day in 1978, his father invited him to replace saxophone player John Hart in his Red Hot Louisiana Band.

"It was a complete surprise, to me anyway," Chenier said. "He called and said, 'Pack up and let's go, son.'"

The early days with his father's band were a major adjustment, Chenier said. Not only did he have to get used to being on the road for the first time, he was so unfamiliar with zydeco, that for a time he found it hard to distinguish one of his

father's songs from the next, he said.

"Yeah, it was like a crash course in zydeco," he said. "My dad didn't tell me a whole lot (about my playing). It was like learning as you go."

The members of the Red Hot Louisiana Band helped make the transition easier, though.

"The guys that were in the band were so great, I felt right at home right quick," he said. "Because all of them were older than me I didn't know what to expect. But they all made it feel just right."

After four years in the band, though, Chenier had developed such a firm grasp on the music that his father appointed him as band leader and also began teaching him the accordion.

Chenier downplayed his role as band leader, noting it was more ceremonial than anything.

"When you say band leader with the Red Hots, it's counting the songs off," Chenier said. "I was just the one up front with the free hand."

But when his father died in 1987, C.J. stepped into his father's shoes, keeping not only the Red Hot Louisiana Band name, but retaining three key members—bassist Wayne Burns, drummer Joseph Edwards and guitarist Harry Hypolite—as the core of the group.

Since then, guitarist Joseph Chavis, rub-board player R.C. Carrier and saxophonist Wilbert Miller also have joined.

The group has recorded two albums under the younger Chenier's name—"Let Me Into Your Heart" for Arhoolie Records in 1988 and "Hot Rod" for Slash Records in 1991.

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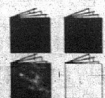
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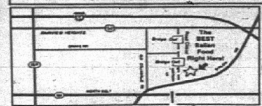
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